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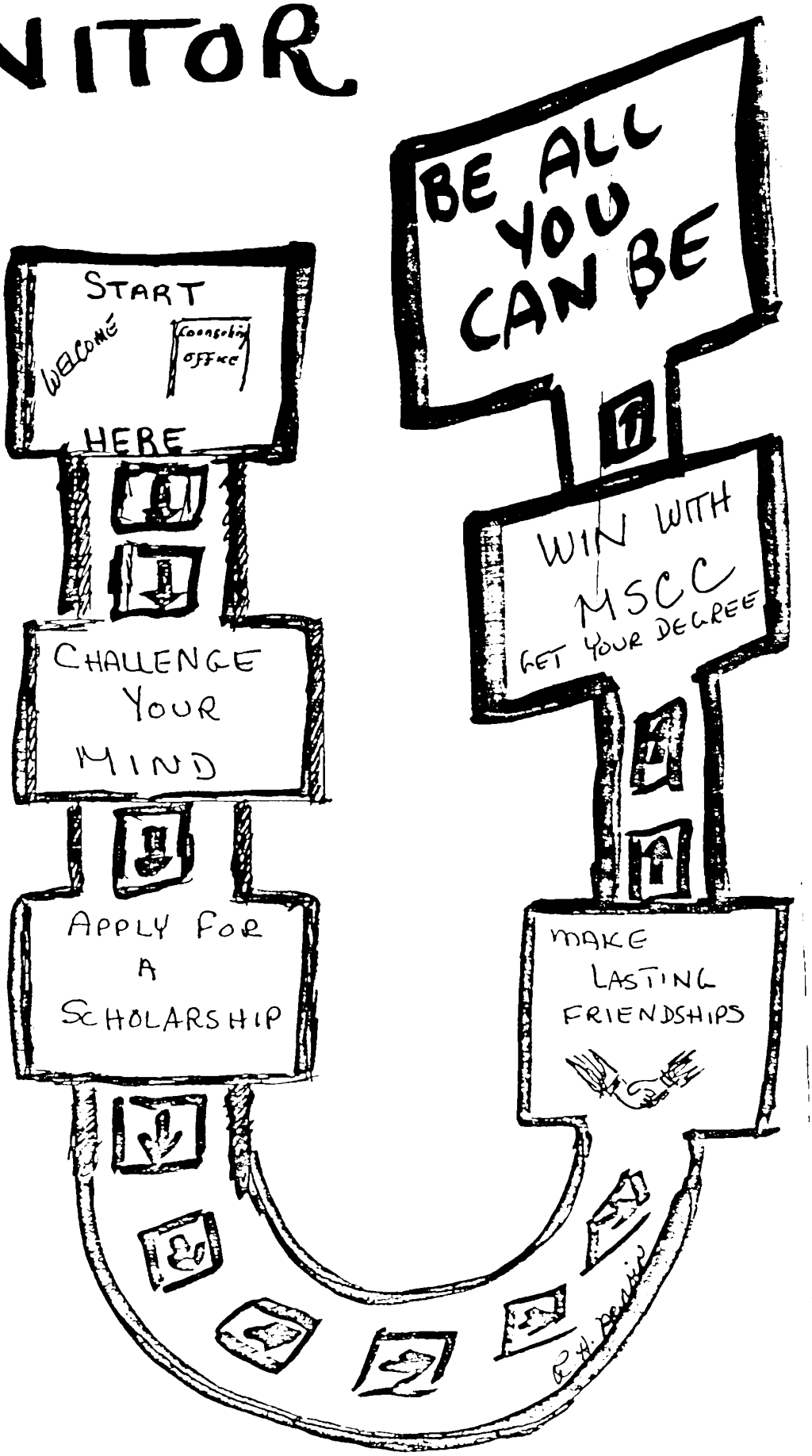

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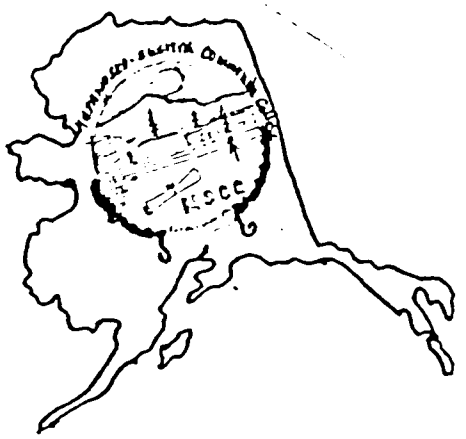

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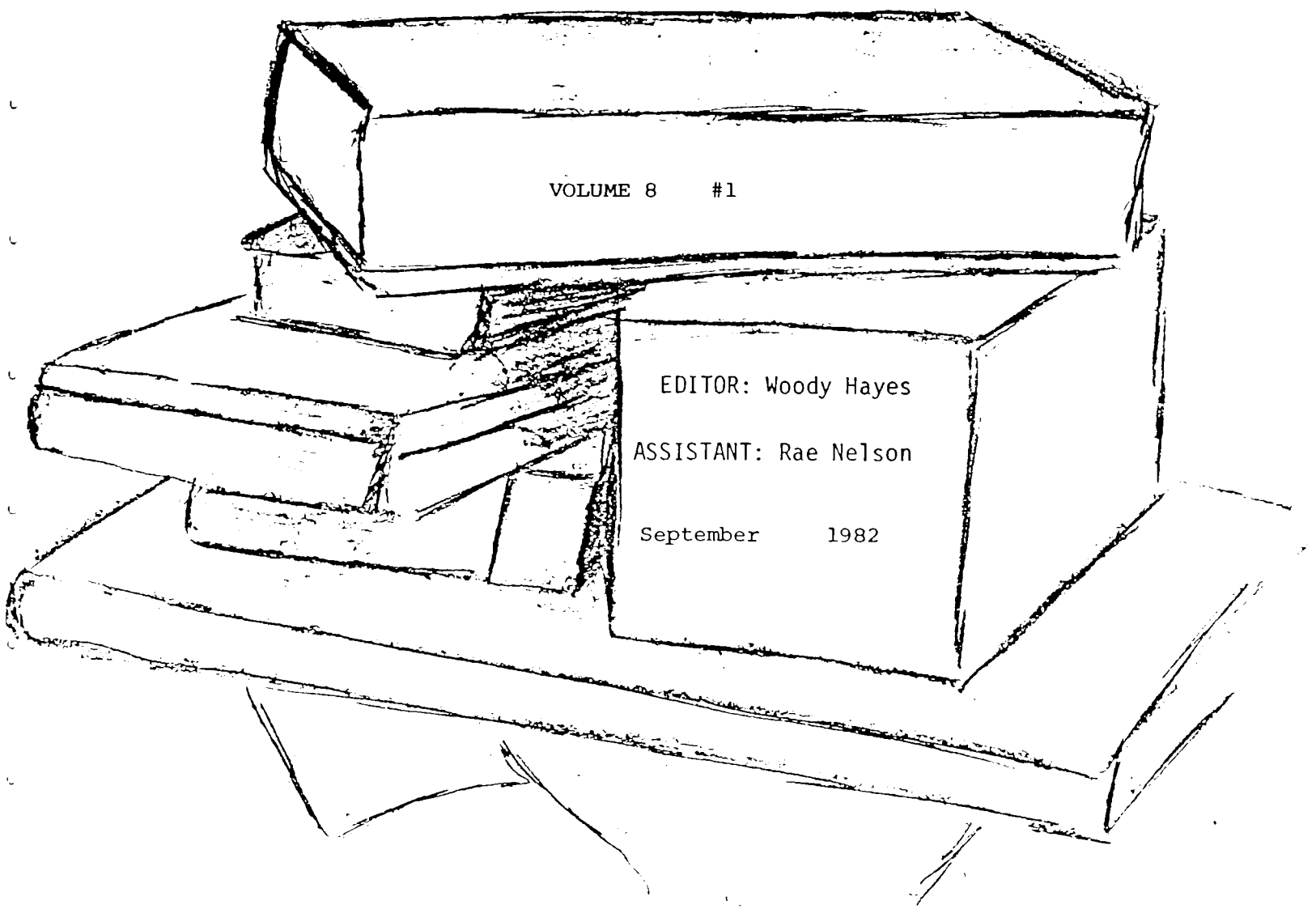

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Welcome to Mat-Su Community College. We, the staff and faculty at MSCC, want to make your learning experiences most challenging, knowledgeable and enjoyable. YOU - EACH STUDENT - are our purpose for being here. We work for you and we are here to serve you. I sincerely hope that you, as a student, will accept and fulfill your responsibilities as diligently and effectively as I assure you the MSCC staff and faculty will do.

Enjoy your time at MSCC. May each of you meet and acquire new friends and life values. Also, if you will let your imagination and maturity guide you, your learning experiences at MSCC will become a stage of growth within your life that will provide fulfilment for life.

HAPPY LEARNING!

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Editorial by Woody

!!COLLEGE!!

YOU HAVE ARRIVED.
YOU CAN SURVIVE.

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College is not expensive, IT IS PRICELESS. You will not only gain much knowledge but you will gain new friends, ascertain new thoughts and self respect and increase your awareness and understanding tremendously.

Really, don't listen to all of those chilling stories -- college isn't so tough. You work, you enjoy life with new friends, you budget your time wisely. You don't listen to all those horror stories of silly sophomores, jabbering juniors and snooty seniors.

It isn't true that all college teachers are lecherous and insensitive monsters who delight in assigning volumes of homework so that rookie collegians average less than 10 minutes sleep per night. (Probably not more than 56.321 % of the teachers are that nasty.) It is true that you can't split an atom with a pizza cutter but you may be able to learn to do it with one of IBM'S smartest computer. It's absolutely a lie that even the richest freshman must take out a bank loan to afford the paper on which to type--with no speling or gramoratical errows--a mid-term American History report which must weigh exactly 1776 pounds. (There are some freshman who take out bank loans for automobiles, stereos or to take a special friend to dinner.)

To succeed in college, you have to want to be a success and that isn't easy. Here are some tips for YOUR SUCCESS IN COLLEGE:

1. GET AN EARLY START ON YOUR COURSE WORK by scanning your books early in the semester.
2. STUDY EVERY DAY, EVERY NIGHT AND BETWEEN CLASSES. Study an average of one to two hours for each hour spent in class.
3. SIT CLOSE TO THE FRONT OF THE CLASSROOM. There, you can hear better and you're likely to be more attentive. There are less distractions to interrupt your thoughts.
4. TAKE COPIOUS NOTES AND DON'T TOSS THEM ASIDE AFTER CLASS. READ THEM OVER AS SOON AS YOU CAN - or you may be unable to interpret some of your scrawlings.
5. LEARN TO RECOGNIZE "VERBAL CLUES" given by the teacher and use them to structure your notes in outline form.
6. DIVIDE YOUR NOTEBOOK INTO TWO COLUMNS. Use one column for class

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notes, the other for reading notes. Then you can relate what's covered in class to what you read.

7. MAKE YOUR READINGS MORE INTERESTING by changing the way you look at the material. Try translating the material into a hands-on experience. If you're studying poetry--write a poem., If you're studying math--make up a problem. Or, you can try teaching the material to a classmate.
8. LAST OF ALL--to guarantee your success in college -- avoid teachers who think students shouldn't SLEEP, those who give MATH TESTS THAT COMPUTERS CAN'T PASS and ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INTEREST IN THE COST OF TYPING PAPER.

BELIEVE IT.....YOU.....WILL.....SURVIVE....

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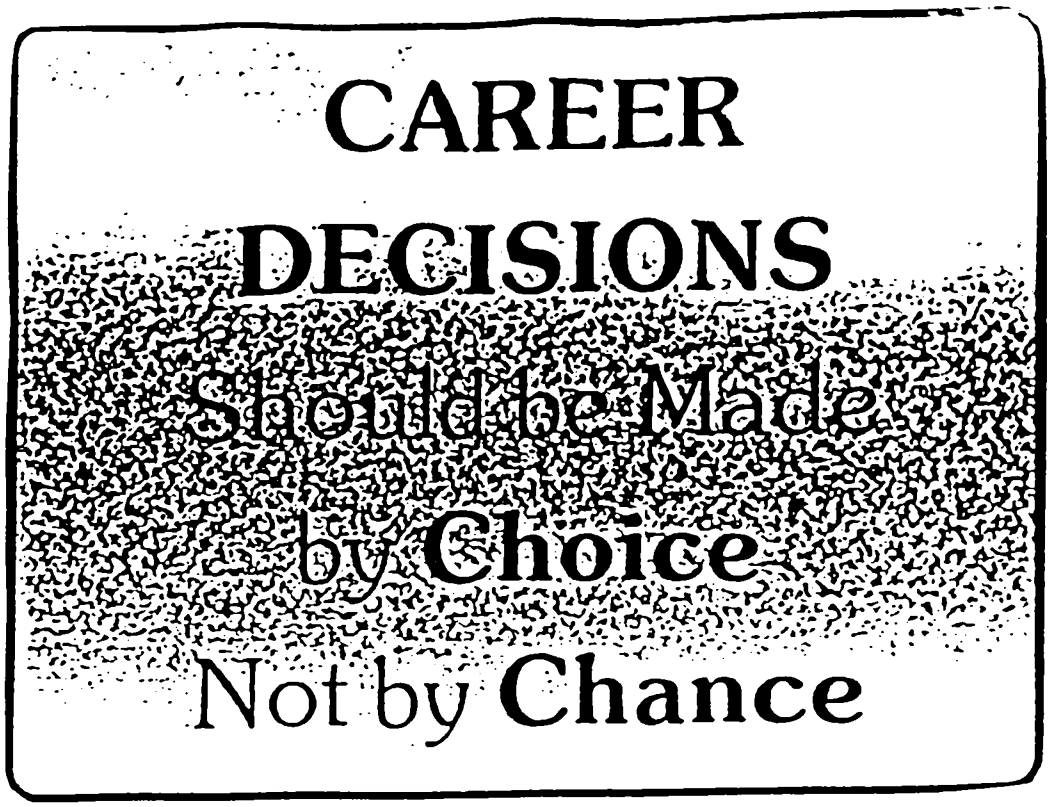
GARFELDT GETS FIXED
AWRIGHT GARFELDT!! THE CLAWS COME OUT!!
OH PLEASE, NOT THAT! TAKE ANYTHING, BUT NOT MY CLAWS!
HAMRICK
LATER...
FAMOUS LAST WORDS



Many of us experience problems, confusion and frustrations both in our personal and school lives. The pressures to do one thing or another can be enormous and we may continually find ourselves faced with various dilemmas:

> Will I be able to take 18 credits and still keep my sanity? Family? Job?
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> Am I eligible for financial aid? When will I get my check?
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> I don't like driving in the dark on icy roads..I don't want to commute to Anchorage. Can I get my Master's Degree at MSCC?

Each person is ultimately responsible for the consequences of their own choices; good or bad. If we make a bad decision or mess up somewhere along the way, we have to live with the consequences. Although there aren't any easy solutions, we do have a choice: We can live in the "there and then" or move on to the "here and now." The choice is ours.....it's going to affect the rest of our lives but that's what life is all about for all of us.

> "To thine own self be true,
> and it must follow, as the night the day,
> Thou canst not then be false to any man."
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> (Wm. Shakespear,'Hamlet,' Act. 1
> Polonius to Laertes)

USE ALL THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE

KNOWING YOURSELF, YOUR INTERESTS, APTITUDES, HOBBIES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS ARE ALL NECESSARY IN DECIDING WHAT YOU WANT TO DO IN YOUR LIFE.....

WOODY HAYES - (COUNSELOR) MSCC'S EXPERT IN RESIDENCE
WILL BE GLAD TO ASSIST YOU - MAKE AN APPOINTMENT -
GOOD COFFEE - GOOD ADVICE - NOT SO GOOD JOKES -

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TAKE A LOOK AT WHERE JOB OPENINGS EXIST; CHECK INTO AREAS COVERING APPRENTICESHIP, CLERICAL, ON-THE-JOB TRAINING & SUMMER EMPLOYMENT.

OUR FACILITIES ARE GROWING-OUR NEW LIBRARY WILL BE COMPLETED SOON- (DID I HEAR AS SOON AS OCTOBER, 1982) LEZA & MARCIA ARE VERY HELPFUL.

FACULTY MEMBERS HERE AT MSCC ARE THE BEST. THEY ARE ALWAYS WILLING TO ASSIST STUDENTS BUT YOU HAVE TO DO THE LEG WORK!

GLENN MASSAY, DEAN OF INSTRUCTION IS ALWAYS OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS REGARDING CLASSES (NEW OFFERINGS AND OLD), MINI WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, ETC. NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE - JUST PREPOSTEROUS!

AL OKESON, CAMPUS PRESIDENT - #1 MAN. IF YOU DON'T SEE AL IN HIS OFFICE, IT ISN'T BECAUSE HE'S HIDDEN BEHIND STACKS OF PAPERWORK - HE CAN OFTEN BE FOUND VISITING WITH STUDENTS IN THE LOUNGE - THE DOOR TO HIS OFFICE IS ALWAYS OPEN TO STUDENTS BUT BE PREPARED FOR HIS QUICK WIT - HE HAS THE NICEST WAY OF SAYING "NO"

STAFF MEMBERS AT MSCC ARE THE MOST HELPFUL, COURTEOUS, PERSONABLE, OBLIGING, CONSCIENTIOUS, EFFICIENT, ATTRACTIVE, ETC. ETC. AND SO FORTH. IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE THE REST ROOMS ARE (OR YOUR CLASSROOM FOR THAT MATTER) DON'T FRET, IF YOU NEED CHANGE OR ANY INFORMATION WITHIN REASON, DON'T HESITATE TO APPROACH THEM FOR ASSISTANCE. YOU WILL BE GREETED WITH A WILLINGNESS TO OBLIGE AND A HAPPY SMILE.

SO NOW YOU ARE ON YOUR WAY. GOOD LUCK! GROW ALONG WITH US AT MSCC

THANKS TO BARB CARNEY (STAFF MEMBER)-STOP AND TAKE THE TIME TO LOOK AT ALL THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS AND TREES THAT MAKE UP THE LANDSCAPING AROUND OUR COLLEGE. BARB WORKED-COME RAIN OR COME SHINE-AND WHAT YOU SEE IS DUE TO HER EXPERTISE AND OFCOURSE GREEN THUMB! THANKS BARB.

WE ALSO HAVE A NICE NEW PAVED ROAD....IT WAS WORTH THE INCONVENIENCE AND MOUNTAIN CLIMBING....WELL, HILL CLIMBING,(MOLE CLIMBING?)

WELCOME NEW FACULTY MEMBER - JOHN ROGERS, E.T. INSTRUCTOR

Please become thoroughly familiar with these school policies:

1. ACCREDITATION: MSCC is fully accredited by the Northwest Association of Secondary and Postsecondary Schools. All credits from MSCC should transfer to any other college or university in the U.S. without any problems if the grade is C or better.

2. ATTENDANCE: Regular attendance is required in all classes. Unexcused absences may result in a failing grade.

3. ALCOHOL: Alcoholic beverages will not be allowed on campus. The use of drugs is not allowed on campus.

4. DROP-ADD: The Drop-Add deadline is September 24, 1982. The last date for withdrawal from a class is November 19, 1982.

5. FINANCIAL AID: Financial aid forms for the school year 1982-83 will be available in the counseling office approximately September 1, 1982.

6. PARKING: All students are required to use the parking lot at the south end of the college complex.

7. REFUND POLICY: The refund policy is stated on your enrollment form and in the catalog. Please become familiar with it.

8. SMOKING ON CAMPUS: Smoking is not permitted in the classrooms. Students may smoke in the designated smoking areas.

9. STUDENT COUNCIL: MSCC has a very active student council. You are encouraged to become a part of that group; attend meetings, support your college, improve academia in the Valley.

10. TELEPHONE USAGE: A pay telephone is located in the entry-way near the registration desk. Please do not ask to use the secretary's or receptionist's telephone as it is for official school use only.

11. VETERANS: Students attending who receive VA Educational Benefits must sign in at the front counter between the 1st and 15th of each month to ensure your continuation of VA benefits.

11. COMMUNICATIONS: Each student should communicate with the instructors regarding absences, low grades and withdrawals from classes.

12. COUNSELOR: If you should have any problems or difficulties with school, the counseling office is open to students whenever they feel the need to drop in. The office hours are: Mon, Tues, Wed,1 pm-8 pm, and Thur, Fri,10 am-4 pm.

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES, RURAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION

New Associate of Arts Degree Program Format

On December 11, 1981, the Board of Regents approved the new AA degree format for use in the University of Alaska system. The intent of the change was to reflect the overall "transfer" nature of the AA degree, as differentiated from its AAS counterpart. The new AA format does not allow for "majors", as specified in the old format. The general nature of the new AA program is to facilitate the transferability of the degree. All of the existing AA programs are to be deleted, via Board review, prior to Spring of 1983. Students who officially entered AA degree programs (via official application for admissions and acceptance into the program) under the old format, will be allowed up to a maximum of five years to complete their program under that format. If students do not complete their degrees under the old format after being in the program five years, they must come under the new AA format.

Listed below are the specific requirements of the new AA degree:

Degree Requirements

1. Complete a minimum of 60 semester credits at the 100 level or above including at least 20 at the 200 level or above.

2. Complete a minimum of 45 semester credits in the five areas below with no less than nine in each:

Areas*	Credits
Communications	9
Written Communication (6) Oral Communication (3)	
Math/Natural Science	9
Humanities	9
Social Science	9
Applied Studies	9
Subtotal	45
3. Electives	15
Total	60 Credits

*See attached course classifications as applicable to the new AA format.

General Academic Policies Relating to New AA Degree

1. At least 15 of the final 30 credit hours must be earned in residence.

2. A grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 (C) or better is required for awarding of the degree, including all work.

3. As the Associate of Arts degree is intended to provide a student with a basis of general education in order to undertake baccalaureate degree work and is nonspecific in intent, only one AA per student may be earned.

4. Credit by exams or evaluations of equivalent level courses at the 200 level would apply toward the 200 level requirement.

5. Correspondence credit will be accepted into the program up to the maximum of 15 hours and will count toward the various course level requirements.

6. All other policies that are in effect now for degree work such as military credit, GPA on all credit, etc., will continue with the new degree.

7. Since changes in area of emphasis are on an individual basis at each campus, no further clearance through either the Chancellor's office or the Board of Regents is required. To maintain academic integrity, each unit should be careful that areas of emphasis provided to each student are supported with adequate staffing and resources.

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES, RURAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION

Course Classification - New AA Degree Program.

Subjects and courses that may be used in satisfying general requirements have been classified as follows:

Humanities

Art
Alaskan Native Languages
English
Foreign Language
Humanities
Journalism
Linguistics
Literature
Music
Philosophy
Speech & Public Communication
Theater
*History
Religion

Applied Studies

Accounting
Business Administration
Computer Information Systems
Home Economics
Office Occupations/Secretarial Science
Physical Education
Military Science
Trade & Technology
Fisheries
Meteorology
Corrections
Early Childhood Development
Law Science
Police Administration
Education
Other

Mathematics & Logic

All Mathematics Courses, Statistics Courses, Selected Philosophy Course (204 only) limited to Logic only

Natural Sciences

Biology, Biological Sciences
Chemistry
Physical Geography (201, 209 only) (could be limited course only)
Geology
Physics
Physical Anthropology
Physical Sciences

Social Sciences

Anthropology
*History
Economics
Geography (excluding 201, 209)
Psychology
Sociology
Political Science
Behavioral Science

*Can be used under either category but not both.

A student is the most important person in any school.
A student is not dependent on us, we are dependent on him.
A student is not an interruption of our work, he is the purpose of it.
A student does us a favor by calling us, we are not doing him a favor by serving him.
A student is not a statistic, he is a flesh and blood human being with feelings and emotions like us.
A student is a person who comes to us with his needs and wants. It is our job to fulfill them.
A student is deserving of the most courteous and attentive treatment we can give him.
A student is the lifeblood of this and any other school. Without him we would have to close our doors.
Don't ever forget it.

- - - Val Abatangelo